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REMARKS

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1. From 17 to 20 June 1953, the inhabitants of the wood camp Fraureuth near Zwickau went on strike. A motorized infantry unit under the command of Lieutenant Colonel Nikolayev (fmu) was employed.

2. On 17 June, large scale demonstrations were held in Leipzig. The VP was not able to master the situation. At 2:30 p.m., Soviet units with tanks and troops on trucks were employed. The troops fired at the crowd and killed and wounded an undetermined number of people. Martial law was declared. Soviet troops occupied all municipal buildings. In the afternoon of 18 June, tank and AAA units totaling about 1,200 to 1,500 troops entered the Heiterblick Kaserne, coming from the direction of Halle. Twenty-six T-34/85 tanks, 46 (?) JS-2 tanks and 8 to 12 x 37-mm AA guns were seen with these troops. In the afternoon of 18 June, about 1,500 artillery soldiers were observed in Schoenau. In addition to these troops, 6,000 to 8,000 troops, equipped with 30 JS-2 tanks, 26 T-34/85 tanks, 8 x 37-mm AA guns and trucks mounting four-barreled AA guns, bivouacked outside of the installation.

3. On 19 June, the barracks installation in Leipzig-Schoenau was occupied by about 1,500 troops. Tanks, including JS-2 tanks and SP guns were outside of the installation. JS-2 tank and 12 T-34/85 tanks

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[redacted] are fairly definitely believed
to belong to the 19th Gds Regt [redacted]

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[redacted] The occupation figures given for the Hindenburg Kaserne and the hospital appear to be highly exaggerated. [redacted]

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